

Dear Parents and Carers,

The decision has been made by the government to shut the school in an attempt to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. We understand that this is a difficult time for us all and we hope that you will all stay well until we see your happy smiling faces again – hopefully very soon!

As class teachers we understand that children will not be able to complete their learning for 6 hours a day but we expect them too:

- 1) Read for 15 minutes a day and when they finish a book to write a short paragraph about their favourite part of it.
- 2) Complete 15 minutes of Times Table Rockstars.
- 3) Practice spellings – choose 10 unfamiliar words and find out their meaning and then use them in sentences. Then repeat this with 10 others.

In addition, we have set tasks for English, Grammar, Maths, Geography and Science on Purple Mash. We expect them to complete a selection of these tasks each week. We will be regularly monitoring this and will set new tasks as appropriate. We understand that not everyone has connectivity. If this is the case for you, we would only expect the children to complete the 'offline' learning tasks that have been set.

Not all learning has to be done sat down. Children could help you with the household chores; learn how to make a simple meal; go on nature walks/walk or run your daily mile; create projects using household recycling or even play board games.

On the back of this letter, there is a suggested timetable of what a day could like while your child is not at school. There are also some other useful websites that could help maintain children's learning during this time.

The children have been sent home with a pack. In this pack there is:

- 1) An exercise book for spellings and book reviews and any other written work;
- 2) A pencil;
- 3) All the spellings that the children need to know by the end of Year 6;
- 4) Your child's login for Timestable Rockstars and Purple Mash.

We hope that school will reopen soon.

Take care

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Breakfast	Help with household chores	Timestable Rockstars	Go for a walk/Arts and crafts	Help make lunch	Learning tasks: -online - writing - spelling	Reading	Play a board game.
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Useful websites:

Twinkl – free learning packs.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/search?term=school+closure>

Classroom secrets

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/>

Hamilton

<https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/blog/learning-home-packs/>

Muddy puddle

<https://themuddypuddleteacher.co.uk/>

KhanAcademy

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.

TedEd

<https://ed.ted.com>

All sorts of engaging educational videos

Paw Print Badges

<https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk>

Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional.

Nature Detectives

<https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetect.../>

A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location!

Oxford Owl for Home

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

Lots of free resources for Primary age

DK Find Out

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/...>

Activities and quizzes

Blue Peter Badges

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

If you have a stamp and a nearby post box.

Try this link to CHANGE4LIFE – The Great Indoors

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities/indoor-activities>